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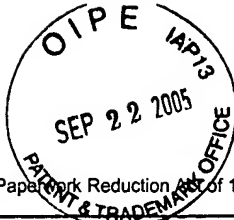
In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: Phong H. Nguyen
MASATOSHI YAGINUMA, ET AL.)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 3724
Application No.: 10/091,464)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 2852
Filed: March 7, 2002)	
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For: PUNCHING DEVICE, SHEET PROCES-)	September 22, 2005
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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In response to the final Official Action dated June 22, 2005, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.



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		Application Number	10/091,464
		Filing Date	March 7, 2002
		First Named Inventor	MASATOSHI YAGINUMA ET AL.
		Examiner Name	Phong H. Nguyen
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. 1.27		Art Unit	3724
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Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Multiple Dependent Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
19	- 20 or HP = 0	x 0 = 0				
HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20						

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4. OTHER FEE(S)

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Other: _____

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